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SUBJECT: ENGLISH PRESS EDITORIALIZES ON FRASER HEARINGS

1. BOTH KOREA HERALD AND KOREA TIMES HAVE PUBLISHED EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF CURRENT HEARINGS OF FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS. KOREAN-LANGUAGE PRESS REMAINS SILENT ON ISSUE, NOT EVEN REPORTING FACT THAT HEARINGS UNDERWAY.

2. TIMES ON MAY 21 AND HERALD ON MAY 22 BOTH WERE CRITICAL OF HEARINGS ON BASIS OF TIMING, IN LIGHT OF KOREAN NATIONAL SECURITY AND THREAT FROM NORTH. TIMES CALLED THEM "IMPROPER AND INOPPORTUNE" WHILE HERALD SAID THEY WERE "ILL-TIMED. ILL-ADVISED AND THUS REGRETTABLE." FRASER CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS CALLED WELL-MEANING AND WELL-INTENTIONED BY GOVERNMENT'S KOREA HEERALD BUT BOTH PAPERS NOTED, THAT IN LIGHT OF INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS, SURVIVAL OF KOREAN NATION IS PARAMOUNT AND HUMAN RIGHTS SECONDARY.

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